

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 30, 2005

Sarah Brown, Treasurer
Ohio State Central & Executive Committee
211 S. Fifth Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Response Due Date: October 31, 2005

Identification Number: C00162339

Reference:

Amended May Monthly Report (4/1/05 - 4/30/05), received 5/18/05

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above. An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your report discloses one or more receipts totaling \$55,178.00 from the "State of Ohio". Please amend your report to clarify the nature of these receipts.

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses \$3,000.00 in payments for "political consulting" to individuals. Please clarify whether these individuals are employees of your committee. You are advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(2), salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25% of their compensated time in a given month on Federal election activity or activities in connection with a Federal election must not be allocated between or among federal, non-federal and Levin accounts. Rather, only federal funds may be used. Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal or Levin account for salary and wage payments is not permissible and must be returned. Please provide clarification regarding these payments.

-Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Chairman's Expense Allowance," "Chairman's housing allowance," "chairmans auto lease" and "staff life insurance." Please be advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(2), salaries and wages for employees who